

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of )

GARY BRIAN MERRILL, ET AL. )

Entitled: **METHOD FOR MAKING A** )**HIGH TEMPERATURE** )**EROSION RESISTANT** )**MATERIAL CONTAINING** )**COMPACTED HOLLOW** )**GEOMETRIC SHAPES** )

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to the provisions of 37 C.F.R. Sections 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, Applicants submit herewith copies of the prior art documents cited on the attached Form PTO-1449 for consideration during prosecution of the subject Application.

This Statement is filed solely for the purpose of complying with the pertinent rules of the Office and is not intended to be a substitute for an independent evaluation by the examiner of the art cited or an independent search by the examiner, and no representation of any nature is made or intended by the filing of this Statement.

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Respectfully submitted,

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